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October 15, 2007

President Lisa Borders and
Members of Atlanta City Council
City Hall, Suite 2900 South
68 Mitchell St., S.W.
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

RE: Taxicabs & Vehicles for Hire Hearing Officer Re-Appointment

Dear President Borders and Members of the Council:

It is a pleasure for me to re-appoint Cooper Knowles to serve as a Taxicabs & Vehicles for Hire Hearing Officer for the City of Atlanta. This re-appointment is for a **term of two (2) years**.

I am confident that Mr. Knowles will continue to serve the position of Taxicabs & Vehicles for Hire Hearing Officer with integrity and dedication.

Sincerely,



Shirley Franklin

C. Cooper Knowles, Esquire

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LEGAL EMPLOYMENT:**Andrews & Knowles & Princenthal, LLC - Partner;**

11/99 - Present

Founded a general trial practice representing individuals needing counsel in matters such as criminal defense, constitutional rights, consumer protection, environmental protection, contract disputes, personal injury, products liability, and death penalty appeals.

Federal Public Defender, Inc. - Intern;

1/99 - 8/99

Assisted attorneys preparing to defend indigent defendants in prosecutions by the United States Attorney's Office in the Federal District Court for the Northern District of Georgia.

Assisted in the preparation of briefs filed in the United States Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit: United States of America v. Zachery Walker, 198 F.3d 811 (1999).

Southern Center for Human Rights - Intern;

6/99 - 1/99

Assisted attorneys preparing to defend indigent defendants on death rows throughout the southern United States.

Assisted attorneys in efforts to improve prison conditions in local jails and state prisons in Alabama and Georgia.

Graduate Legal Research Assistant to Associate Professor Natsu Saito, Georgia State University College of Law;

8/97 - 6/99

Provided research and editing for the following legal articles:

Why We Can't Wait: The Impact of Foreign Policy on Racial Justice in the United States; Yale Human Rights and Development Law Journal;

Alien and Non-Alien Alike: Citizenship, "Foreignness," and Racial Hierarchy in American Law; 76 Oregon Law Review 261;

Justice Held Hostage: U.S. Disregard for International Law in the World War II Internment of Japanese Peruvians - A Case Study; 40 Boston College Law Review 275.

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS:

American Bar Association - Member;
1/98 - Present
Association of Trial Lawyers of America - Member;
1/05 - Present
State Bar of Georgia - Member;
10/99 - Present
Georgia Trial Lawyers Association - Member;
11/99 - Present
Co-Chair, New Trial Lawyers Section - 2000 - 2001
Georgia State University College of Law Graduate Leadership Counsel - Member;
1/00 - Present
Parliamentarian (2005)
Bleckley Inn of Court - Barrister;
1/05 - Present

EDUCATION:

Georgia State University College of Law, Atlanta, Georgia.
Juris Doctor received 6/99.

Activities:

Georgia State University Moot Court Board;
National Moot Court Competition in Information Technology and
Privacy Law, John Marshall College of Law, Chicago, IL -
Participant;
Georgia State University College of Law Honor Court;
Associate Justice - 1998
Chief Justice - 1999
International & Comparative Law Society;
Member - 1997
Vice President - 1998
Public Interest Law Association;
Member - 1997 - 1999
Mercer University, Macon, Georgia.
Bachelor of Arts, Communications; Minor in English received 1990.

MILITARY EXPERIENCE:

United States Army Reserve
Four year Army R.O.T.C. Scholarship recipient; 1986 - 1990.
Honorable Medical Discharge - 1990.